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MINUTES

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SAN DIEGO PUBLIC LIBRARY

Wednesday, June 5, 2013

ATTENDANCE

Commissioners:

Present: Salvatore Giametta, Susan Atkins, Ann Haddad, Katie Sullivan, Abby Silverman Weiss, Sarah White

Absent: Alan Ziegaus

Staff: Deborah Barrow, Library Director; Misty Jones, Deputy Director, Central; Bruce Johnson, Deputy Director, Branches; Darren Greenhalgh, Deputy Director, Project Implementation Division; Mark Nassar, Deputy Director, Engineering & Capital Projects; Elif Cetin, Senior Civil Engineer, Engineering & Capital Projects; Carol Tellez, Executive Assistant

Public: Ann McDonald, Victor Laruccia

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order at 12:32 p.m. in the Commission Room of the Central Library.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The April 17, 2013 minutes were approved unanimously.

REQUESTS FOR CONTINUANCE

None.

NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT:

Victor Laruccia, Executive Director, San Diego Italian Film Festival, spoke warmly about their partnership with the San Diego Public Library and the upcoming fall film festival, which is October 24 through November 2, 2013. Various film festival events will be held at the new Central Library.

COMMISSIONER COMMENT:

Commissioner Giametta thanked the commissioners who participated in the recent Council visits to discuss their FY 2014 budget recommendations for the Library. Commissioner Giametta also mentioned that the IBA (Independent Budget Analyst) had reviewed the Mayor's FY 2014 May Revise and recommended that library hours for the Central and branch libraries be increased.

REPORT FROM THE FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY: Ann McDonald

The Friends Annual Essay Contest Awards Program was held on May 2 at the Balboa Park Club, and over 200 people attended. Ms. McDonald spoke in favor of increasing library hours at the May 6 Budget Review Committee meeting. Cheryl Price, a retired banker, is the new treasurer for the Friends.

LIBRARY FOUNDATION UPDATE: Susan Howe

The Library Foundation recently received generous donations from the following organizations:

- San Diego Women's Foundation : \$37,000
- San Diego Gas & Electric Company: \$10,000
- Kaiser Permanente: \$15,000

The Library Foundation held the World President's Organization event at the new Central Library. It was a great example of event hosting in the library.

Commissioner Sullivan reported more than 2,700 bricks have been sold for the new Central Library "*Buy a Brick*" campaign!

AGENDA ITEMS

8a. Report on Library Construction Projects by Elif Cetin, Senior Civil Engineer (Discussion Item):

- New Central Library: Mr. Greenhalgh reported that construction on the Auditorium is nearly complete. The grand opening is scheduled for September 28.
- Skyline Hills Branch Library: Ten proposals from design/builders have been received. The proposals have been shortlisted to three and will be presented to the community for their input. The project is fully funded.
- Mission Hills/Hillcrest Branch Library: Approvals to renew consultant agreements are currently being reviewed.
- San Ysidro Branch Library: Potential sites for this library are being identified.

b. Proposed Charges for Use of Special Events Spaces in new Central Library (Action Item):

Ms. Barrow gave an overview of the Library Department's proposed fee charges for use of special event spaces in the new Central Library.

After a detailed discussion by the commissioners, the following motion was made:

Motion

It was moved to support the Library Department's proposed fee charges for use of special event spaces in the new Central Library, and recommended that the Library Department proceed with obtaining Council approval in order to implement the proposed fees.

The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

c. Update from the Library Director (Discussion Item):

- On Friday, June 7 a special closing tribute will be held for the current Central Library.
- The successful launch of the San Diego Circuit Services occurred on May 15.
- The *One Book, One San Diego* book selection for 2013 is, "*Caleb's Crossing*."
- The Summer Reading Program kicks off June 15 and the theme is, "*Reading is So Delicious*." The library is partnering with the Jacobs & Cushman San Diego Food Bank this summer and our goal is to collect 7,000 pounds of non-perishable food to help those in need.
- The San Diego Unified School District is offering children free summer lunches at the Logan Heights Branch Library.
- A UT article on the "*New Children's Museum Art Program at the Logan Heights Branch Library*" was handed out to the commissioners.

OTHER BUSINESS

Commissioner Atkins reported that the LGBT community has fundraised approximately \$85,000 for the new Central Library.

The commission meeting scheduled for Wednesday, July 3 has tentatively been rescheduled to Wednesday, July 17. The location of the meeting will be determined at a later date.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Giametta adjourned the meeting at 1:47 p.m.



DEBORAH L. BARROW
Library Director